

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

8:30 a.m.

County Board Room - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - Courthouse

M I N U T E S

The Clay County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Commissioners Campbell, Ingersoll, Mongeau and Weyland present. Commissioner Gross was absent. County Administrator Brian C. Berg and Senior Administrative Assistant Vicki Reek were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Ingersoll, seconded by Campbell, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.

RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES

By consent agenda, the following liquor licenses were renewed: Buffalo River Race Park; Galaxie Sports Bar/Supper Club; Mainline Bar & Grill; and Rustic Oaks.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present who wished to address the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 2 & 9, 2015

On motion by Campbell, seconded by Mongeau, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the County Board meetings held June 2 and 9, 2015 were approved as presented.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS

On motion by Campbell, seconded by Ingersoll, and unanimously carried, the bills and vouchers were approved for payment.

GREATER FARGO-MOORHEAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SEMI-ANNUAL UPDATE

James Gartin, President, Greater Fargo-Moorhead Economic Development Corporation; Mark Vaux, Executive Vice President, Business Development; and John Machacek, Senior Vice President, Finance and Entrepreneurial Development, were present to update the Board concerning the activities of the GFMEDC for the first five months of 2015. Sixty-five business retention visits have taken place and assistance has been provided for 14 business projects related to expansion and retention opportunities. Business development activities involved twelve new business projects. These projects have the potential to create more than 1250 new jobs.

GFMEDC's objectives were reviewed: Retain and Expand existing major employers; Attraction of new businesses and development to Fargo-Moorhead; Workforce retention, attraction and development; Entrepreneurial support and development; Monitor and research local, national and global economic conditions for purposes of reporting,

forecasting and developing regional economic strategy; Development campaign; Marketing and communications; Use the Growth Initiative Fund to further the region's economic development strategy; and Influence state economic development policy.

Mr. Gartin felt workforce attraction and retention will be the most important issues for Cass and Clay Counties for the next 10-15 years.

#### ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS PROCLAMATION AND ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UPDATE

Social Services Supervisor Pat Boyer presented statistics concerning adult protection reports and investigations in Clay County, noting that beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> all reports of adult abuse will be made through the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center. Kathy Nornes, Clay County Adult Protection Worker, informed the Board that the typical report involves financial exploitation or self-neglect.

Shelly Carlson, Rape & Abuse Crisis Center, informed the Board of the Coordinated Community Response Team involving both Cass and Clay Counties which will best serve the elderly community. She invited the Board members to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Summit, Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Lori Conroy, Clay County Assistant County Attorney, informed the Board that her caseload involves crimes against people, including vulnerable adults and the elderly. The challenges encountered are education, what is a crime/what isn't a crime, family disputes, training of the outlying jurisdictions, and resources.

Mary Anderson, Elder Abuse Forensic Network Coordinator at Rape & Abuse Crisis Center, described the Elder Abuse Forensic Network, which is comprised of committed professionals who collaborate concerning difficult cases, provide a supportive environment, resolve complex cases of elder abuse, assist with possible prosecution, and identify systemic problems. The entities involved in the Elder Abuse Forensic Network are: Adult Protective Services from Cass and Clay Counties, Cass County Sheriff's Department, Fargo, Moorhead and West Fargo Police Departments, Cass County States Attorney's Office, Clay County Attorney's Office, Fargo Cass Public Health, and the Cass County Coroner's Office.

On motion by Ingersoll, seconded by Mongeau, and unanimously carried, the following Proclamation was made, declaring June 19<sup>th</sup> as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Clay County:

#### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS, Clay County's seniors are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and**

**WHEREAS, Abuse of older people is a tragedy inflicted on vulnerable seniors and an ever-increasing problem in today's society that crosses all socio-economic boundaries.**

**WHEREAS, combating abuse of older people will help improve the quality of life for all seniors across the state and country, and will allow seniors to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of Clay County.**

**WHEREAS, Clay County seniors will be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of the community.**

**WHEREAS, we are all responsible for building safe communities by watching for and reporting possible abuse.**



**WHEREAS, the Clay County Coordinated Community Response Team will hold the event "No Excuse for Elder Abuse" on Friday, June 19, 2015 in observance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.**

**NOW, THEREFORE in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, we the Commissioners of Clay County proclaim the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Clay County, and encourage all Clay County citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Clay County's seniors.**

#### REQUEST TO REPLACE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

County Administrator Brian Berg requested authorization to advertise for replacement of County Veterans Service Officer Tom Figliuzzi, who has submitted his resignation. The Board agreed that Mr. Figliuzzi has done an admirable job as Clay County's VSO.

On motion by Campbell, seconded by Ingersoll, and unanimously carried, the Board approved filling the Veterans Service Officer position.

On motion by Mongeau, seconded by Ingersoll, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Commissioners Campbell and Weyland to the hiring committee for the VSO position with payment of per diem and mileage.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Commissioner Ingersoll attended meetings of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library and Local Advisory Council for Adult Mental Health.

Commissioner Mongeau met with the interim director of Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership, attended a meeting regarding the possibility of including solar energy in Clay County projects in the future, the Wind on the Wires presentation, and the Soil and Water Conservation District meeting.

Commissioner Campbell attended meetings of the FM Diversion Public Outreach Committee, Personnel Issues Committee, Highway Tracking, and the Correctional Facility Design, Construction, and Operations Committee.

Commissioner Weyland attended meetings of the Personnel Issues Committee, FM Economic Development Corporation Executive Committee, and Correctional Facility Design, Construction, and Operations Committee.

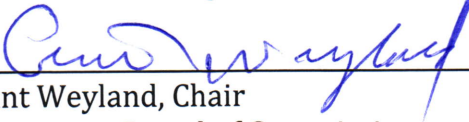
Commissioner Weyland informed the Board that the Correctional Facility Design, Construction and Operations Committee will recommend placement of the new Jail south of the existing Jail. When the new Law Enforcement Center is built, it will likely be placed on property acquired by the County to the north of the County campus.

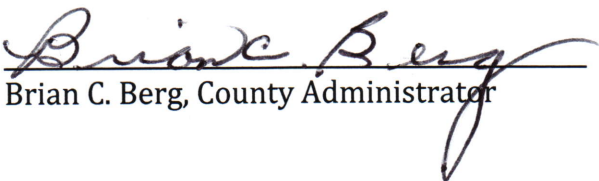
On motion by Campbell, seconded by Ingersoll, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Commissioners Gross and Mongeau to a sub-committee concerning appropriate accommodations for individuals with mental health needs in the new Jail, as well as incorporating solar power in new County facilities.

County Administrator Brian Berg informed the Board that the elevator project in the Family Service Center is complete and has passed inspection. In addition to meetings already mentioned, he attended the FM Diversion Land Management Committee meeting, meetings regarding the purchase of properties north of the Courthouse, and a meeting with Moorhead City Manager Michael Redlinger regarding the County's plans for acquiring the two blocks north of the Courthouse.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

  
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Grant Weyland, Chair  
Clay County Board of Commissioners

  
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Brian C. Berg, County Administrator